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## CUBA.

*A death from leprosy at Matanzas.*

Acting Asst. Surg. John Frick reports, January 22, 1903, a death from leprosy, and disinfection of the premises occupied by the patient.

## GERMANY.

*Plague and cholera in various countries.*

Consul-General Mason reports from Berlin, January 17, as follows :

*Plague.*

JAPAN.—In Yokohama, between October 30 and December 8, only 1 case of plague was registered. The patient died on November 4. In the meantime, the already-mentioned plan to stamp out the disease by burning down the houses in the Kaigandori quarter has been carried out during the first half of November. Only about 20 of the larger buildings were excepted from destruction, and these were subjected to a thorough disinfection.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Up to December 16, 4 plague cases had been registered in Durban. The measures recommended by the health officers of the colony, in view of the outbreak of plague, on December 11, relate principally to the destruction of the rats, among which a heavy mortality is noticeable in the infected district.

CAPE COLONY.—One death from plague was registered in Port Elizabeth on December 9.

*Plague and cholera.*

BRITISH INDIA.—In Calcutta, during the week ended December 13, 18 persons died of plague and 35 persons died of cholera.

*Cholera.*

TURKEY.—On December 31, 2 deaths from cholera occurred among the soldiers.

EGYPT.—During the week from December 23 to December 29, there were registered in the whole of Egypt 49 fresh cases of cholera and 32 deaths.

PERSIA.—According to a telegram dated December 30, cholera has broken out in Bender-Abbas and causes 10 to 15 deaths daily.

*Death rate of Berlin and other cities.*

During the week ended January 3, the death rate of Berlin was higher than it has been for seven months, namely, 17.7 per 1,000 of the inhabitants (as compared with 16.7 in the foregoing week). Of the large German cities, almost two-thirds showed less favorable health conditions than Berlin. Nuremberg, Frankfort on-Main, Munich, Leipzig, Dresden, Paris, and Vienna had higher death rates than Berlin, while the rates of mortality of Breslau, Königsberg, Cologne, as well as London, were considerably higher than that of Berlin. The death rate was lower, however, in Schöneberg (14.2 per 1,000) and in Charlottenburg (12.3 per 1,000). The increase of the number of deaths was not so marked among children in their first year as among the higher-age classes. The infant mortality rate rose from 4.4 in the foregoing week to 4.7 per 1,000 in the present week. Acute intestinal diseases showed no